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they must have been impressed by your attention to the ceremony. Thank you again. Mr. Clerk, I understand 32 has been withdrawn, right? So we will go on to LR 33, so your attention please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 33 offered by Senators Vickers and Wiitala and it is found on page 668 of the Journal. (Read LR 33.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, excuse me, just a second. (Gavel.) Shall we be a little more attentive to what Senator Vickers is saying, please.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President and members, this resolution as read in by the Clerk is introduced by Senator Wiitala and myself to offer our sympathies to the family of Vaughn Phelps. Vaughn Phelps was a superintendent of schools at District 66 at Omaha, more commonly known as Westside and I might point out to you that, not only in this state but across the nation, Westside is looked up to as the leader in many educational areas largely due to the dedication and to the hard work of Vaughn Phelps as the Superintendent of that school. I just simply urge this body's adoption of this resolution and I am sure that Senator Wiitala as a teacher in that system would like to expound a little further on the great things that Mr. Phelps had contributed to education in that district and also to this state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wiitala.

SENATOR WIITALA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I will be very brief. The Omaha community, the State of Nebraska was deeply grieved by the sudden death of H. Vaughn Phelps, Superintendent of Westside Community Schools. As a teacher who was hired by Superintendent Phelps I would have to say before this body and before the state that I knew of no other individual in education that I admire so much as him. Truly he was a servant, not only of the students, but he was also a servant of the teachers which he administered to their needs. I would just like to say in passing that we are deeply indebted as teachers, as citizens of that school system and as citizens of this state for what he has done for education and the communities he has lived in in the past and we are also deeply indebted for the course that he charted for our future. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.